

A religious artwork featuring a golden chalice with a host on top, set against a background of a skull and thorns. The chalice is ornate with a leaf-like pattern. The host is a small, round, white wafer with a cross and the letters 'IHS' embossed on it. The background is a dark, textured brown with a skull and thorns visible on the right side.

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**"The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist
are one *single sacrifice*"**

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1367)

Meditation

The priest approaches the altar and venerates it with a kiss.



Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane.

The priest signs himself with the Sign of the Cross:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen."



Jesus begins to pray in Gethsemane.

The priest recites the Penitential Act:

"I confess to almighty God..."



Jesus is prostrate and sweating blood:

"Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me;
nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

The priest prays the invocation:

"Lord, have mercy."



Judas betrays Jesus.

The priest prays the invocation:

"Christ, have mercy."



Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin.

The priest prays the invocation:

"Lord, have mercy."



Peter denies Jesus three times.

The First Reading



Jesus is conducted to the house of Pilate.

The Psalm



Jesus is led to Herod.

The Second Reading



Jesus is sent back to Pilate.

The Holy Gospel



The Jews choose Barabbas.

The priest uncovers the chalice.



Jesus is stripped of his garments.

The priest offers bread and wine for the sacrifice to God:

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation..."



Jesus is scourged.

The priest covers the chalice and bowing profoundly, says quietly:

"With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you,
O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you..."



Jesus is crowned with thorns.

The priest washes his hands, saying quietly:
"Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."



Pilate, symbolically, washes his hands before the judgement.

The priest begins the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer:

"The Lord be with you... Lift up your hearts..."



Pilate to the Jews:

"Here is the man!"

The priest continues the Preface:
"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation..."



Jesus is condemned to death.

The priest concludes the Preface:
"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts..."



Jesus accepts his Cross and carries it to Calvary.

The priest takes the bread and pronounces the words of consecration: "At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread..."



Jesus' hands are nailed to the Cross.
(the ringing of the altar bell sounds like nailing)

The priest takes the chalice and pronounces the words of consecration: "In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice..."



Jesus' feet are nailed to the Cross.
(the ringing of the altar bell sounds like nailing)

**The priest prays for the Church, the Pope, bishops
and all the clergy:**

"Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world..."



Jesus prays for those who crucify him:

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

The priest prays for the dead:

"Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep
in the hope of the resurrection..."



Jesus promises his Kingdom to the good thief:

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The priest prays for the people:

"Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints..."



Jesus speaks to his mother: "Woman, behold, your son!"
and to the beloved disciple: "Behold, your mother!"

The priest prays the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name..."



Jesus cries out to his Father:

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

The priest breaks the Sacred Host over the paten.



Jesus dies on the Cross:

"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!"

The priest places a small piece of the Sacred Host in the chalice.



The Soul of Jesus descends into Limbo.

The priest prays:

"Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us..."
and "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..."



**The earthquake – the tearing of the temple curtain
and the conversion of many at Calvary.**

Holy Communion

The Body and the Blood of Christ are reunited after being separated by the crucifixion (by separate consecrations of bread and wine).

The priest says quietly: "May the Body/Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life" and reverently consumes the Body and Blood of the Lord. Then the priest distributes Holy Communion to the faithful.



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The priest says for the last time:

"The Lord be with you."



**Jesus appears to his disciples and converses with them
for forty days.**

The priest blesses the people:

"May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
✠ and the Holy Spirit. Amen."



**Fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection the Holy Spirit descends
on the Apostles.**

The priest's last words to the people:

"Go in peace."



The Apostles go into all the world to preach the Gospel of Christ.

**The Holy Mass is "the sun of spiritual exercises,
the most holy, sacred, and Sovereign Sacrifice and Sacrament
of the Eucharist, the centre of the Christian religion,
the heart of devotion, the soul of piety, the ineffable mystery
which embraces the whole depth of Divine Love."**

St. Francis de Sales

**During Holy Mass conduct yourself as if you were
under the Cross at Calvary.**

**The very same thing that happened on Mount Calvary,
where Jesus died for our sins on the Cross as a propitiatory
sacrifice to God the Father, takes place in every Holy Mass:
on the altar in a mysterious bloodless way through
the hands of the priest.**

<https://sites.google.com/view/sveti-nikola-biskup-rijeka>

https://archive.org/details/@ihs_rijeka

***I consider this text of the meditation on the rites
of Holy Mass very good and helpful.***

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***Leaving out unnecessary theorizing,
this booklet clarifies to everyone the way in which
the words and acts of the Holy Mass are directly connected
to the Passion of Christ. In the current crisis of faith,
this is a suitable help for making us aware of the price
of our redemption and the greatness of the sacrifice
of the Holy Mass, thus encouraging a grateful response
of self-sacrificing love.***

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